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SUBJ: SHABA INCURSIONS: RETREATING KATANGESE

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1. BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THAT RETREATING KATANGESE IN 54 VEHICLE CONVOY CROSSED INTO ZAMBIAN TERRITORY SUNDAY, MAY 21. THEY ARE APPARENTLY MAKING FOR ANGOLAN BORDER, BUT PROGRESS IS SLOW DUE TO BAD ROADS. MISSIONARIES IN RADIO CONTACT WITH LUSAKA STATE THAT THEIR ZAMBIAN PARISHIONERS HAVE REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF CONVOY IN THE AREA OF KALENE HILL MISSION AND SAKEJI ON SUNDAY AND TODAY MAY 22. KATANGESE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO BUILD BRIDGES AS THEY GO. FREGMENTARY REPORTING SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT KATANGESE COLUMN ENTERED ZAMBIA VIA THE MUTSHATSHA ROAD. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE WHAT ROUTE EXITING ZAMBIA THEY ARE PLANNING ON USING. MISSIONARIES HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT KATANGESE ARE CARRYING EUROPEAN HOSTAGES WITH THEM. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS THAT KATANGESE HAVE TAKEN HOSTILE ACTION AGAINST ANYONE
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INSIDE ZAMBIA.

2. WE ARE EXPECTING AN UP-DATE ON INFORMATION FROM SAKEJI AREA THIS MORNING FROM OUR MISSIONARY CONTACT IN LUSAKA.

3. WE HAVE PASSED ON TO UNDER SECRETARY ZIMBA CONTENTS OF REFTTEL. HE HAS AGAIN ASSURED US THAT ZAMBIANS ARE ALERT

TO THE DANGERS WHICH MAY BE POSED BY THE RETREATING KATANGESE.

4. ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN SHARED WITH FRENCH EMBASSY
HERE WHICH IS CONCERNED ABOUT WELL BEING OF SIX FRENCH
MILITARY ADVISORS REPORTEDLY HELD BY KATANGESE.

5. COMMENT: NORTH WEST ZAMBIA IS EXTREMELY REMOTE TO LUSAKA
AND ORIGINAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION, ZAMBIAN PARISHIONERS,
MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELIABLE.
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